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Informant

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of April 22nd has been received,  
and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiries, the FBI, as strictly  
an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make  
evaluations of any kind. In addition, the advertising by any church  
of literature which may be construed as obscene is not within our  
investigative jurisdiction. I regret I cannot be of help in this  
instance but trust you will understand.

I am returning the booklets and magazines  
you sent.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: We corresponded with [Redacted] on 11-10-64 at which  
time she was sent material on communism. The articles that she  
enclosed were the November, 1964, and February, 1965, issues of  
the magazine, "Hi Way," which is published monthly apparently by  
the Westminster Press and our files do not disclose any derogatory  
information concerning it. The other enclosures were two paperback  
books, "Blues for Mister Charlie" and "Another Country," written by  
James Baldwin and do contain references to pornography and obscenity.  
James Baldwin is well known to the Bureau.

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- Mr. Mohr.....
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The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 5-18-89 BY SP8 BTJ/af

Sir:

I am sending to you one copy each of two books by the  
Writer, James Baldwin. They are entitled "Blues for Mr. Charlie" and  
"Another Country." Also included are two copies of "Hi Way" dated  
November 1964 and February 1965.

The "Hi Way" Magazine is supplementary material for  
the Senior High Young People's Sunday School Literature in the  
United Presbyterian Church U. S. A. As I understand it, this denomination  
is a member of The National Council of Churches.

I am a Member of the United Presbyterian Denomination and  
so are all the Members of My family.

I was More than concerned when I read in these "Hi Way"  
Magazines (I have a son in this Sunday School class) and found these  
books by James Baldwin advertised, and which I was able to buy  
right from the book rack in the store.

When I bought these books and read them I was speechless.  
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Mr. Hoover, will you please examine these books and advise me. Due to previous references some of the pages have been turned down or marked in ink. You might use that for quick check. Tell me, for the sake of Our God and Humanity, how and where these writings fit into Christianity. I find no connection whatsoever. One would not need to read the entire book to see the filth contained in its pages.

I do not know whether church materials can advertise such books as "Andher Country" and "Blues for Mr. Charlie" and escape investigation or not, so that's why I need advice.

I will greatly appreciate any information you can give me about this matter. I feel that it is Serious!

I will help in any way I can if I know what to do. Some other church members feel as I do. We want this stuff out, if possible.

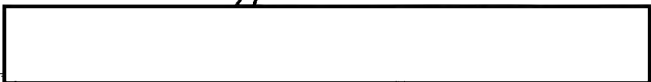
Thank you so very much for taking the time to read my letter. I will be very grateful for any advice and information.

Respectfully

[Redacted Signature]

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# The Baldwin Syndrome



JAMES BALDWIN, the author and playwright whose reputation is in part owing to his fine writing, in part to the implacability of his theme (Hate the System), said a couple of discouraging things on a television program in which I participated. To wit:

That as regards the Negro, "things couldn't be worse." And that Negroes who throw their garbage out on the streets are doing so—legitimately, he suggests—as a form of protest against their plight.

When Mr. Baldwin says that the lot of the Negroes could not be worse, one necessarily reacts in either of two ways:

- He is correct — things couldn't be worse.
- Or he is engaging in hyperbole; in which case one must ask whether it is useful to the cause of a proper equality.

I conclude as regards the former that things could very easily be worse for Negroes than they are. Worse, for instance, if the overwhelming majority of the opinion leaders of this country cared not at all about the plight of the Negroes, which manifestly is not the case.

If the Negroes' lot is not improved by the kind of sympathy he receives and has received — sympathy registered in legislation, editorials, columns, books, sermons, catechisms, welfare payments — then what are we to do?

It is an interesting question, which is hardly answered by apocalyptic statements by such as Mr. Baldwin threatening us with The Fire Next Time — the next time we disagree with whatever poetical locution he comes up with concerning the delinquencies of the white people of this country.

On our program, Mr. Baldwin said that he was neither a socialist nor a Marxist. Let us take him at his word. But I wonder how,

intellectually, he can reconcile his statements with his behavior?

In his writing he deplores the capitalist system, which he holds institutionally responsible for enslaving the Negro.

The crisis involving the American Negro has much to do with the fear that Negro leaders themselves have of their own most

By William F. Buckley Jr.

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The trouble is—and this is brilliantly recorded in the forthcoming book by Theodore White on *The Making of a President, 1964* — that they dare not do so, for fear that they would thus suggest a lack of militancy in their own approach to the problem.

It was exactly so in the 20's, when many of the socialist-humanitarians who backed the Bolshevik Revolution found themselves indorsing the enormities of Lenin, and Totsky, and subsequently of Stalin — because they feared to alienate themselves from the leadership of the revolutionary protest.

The objective of those who seek equality for the Negro is equality for the Negro within the American system. If James Baldwin and his coterie of America-haters continue to give the impression that such others as Roy Wilkins go along with their indictments, then they may very well end up satisfying the American people that identification with the civil rights movements is an alternative to maintaining the American system.

How long, one wonders, before the Baldwins will be ghettoized in the corners of fanaticism where they belong? The moment is overdue for someone who speaks authentically for the Negroes to tell Mr. Baldwin that his morose nihilism is a greater threat by far to prospects for the Negroes in America than anything that George Wallace ever said or did.

**ON THE RIGHT:****America-Haters:  
Threat to Negroes**

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

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BUCKLEY

And that therefore any suggestion to the contrary goes against realism, and breeds not the galvanic kind of superaction in behalf of equality that Baldwin presumably seeks to bring about, but rather a feeling of resignation; of despair. If the Negroes' lot is not improved by the kind of sympathy he receives, has received; sympathy registered in legislation, editorials, columns, books, sermons, catechisms, welfare payments: then what are we to do?

The crisis involving the American Negro has much to do with the fear that Negro leaders themselves have of their own most rabid representatives. There is a great deal to disagree with—for those concerned with the integrity of the Constitution—when dealing with the demands of such as Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, of Thurgood Marshall, of others who tend to seek out a fresh law to suture every offense against the Negro. But however much one disagrees with them, they are, in context, the voices of moderation: and we must ask them why they do not dissociate themselves from the swollen irrationalities of such as Baldwin.

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But might not the same thing happen in a good cause (equality for the Negroes)—as distinguished from an ungood cause (the Marxist revolution)? So long as the Wilkinses of this world refuse to turn their backs on the Baldwins of this world? The objective of those who seek equality for the Negro is equality for the Negro within the American system. If James Baldwin and his coterie of America-haters continue to give the impression that such others as Roy Wilkins go along with their indictments, then they may very well end up satisfying the American people that identification with the civil rights movement is an alternative to the American system.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : *JJM* Director, FBI ( 62 - 109763 ) DATE: 4/4/66

FROM : SAC, New York (100-146553)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-CSOG ACTION:  
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy  
☒ File

This case will be delinquent.

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(This applies only to 116 cases.)

☐ No administrative action necessary.

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## Type of References Requested:

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Subject JAMES BALDWIN

Birthdate &amp; Place \_\_\_\_\_

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One additional copy of instant report is furnished the Bureau for dissemination to Secret Service. One copy is being disseminated for Secret Service, NYC, under Category III.

The pretext interview on 3/29/66, was conducted by SA EDWARD F. UZZELL with the Doorman at 470 West End Avenue, New York City. The pretext consisted of posing as a newspaper reporter inquiring as to the correct address of BALDWIN,

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so that proof copies of a feature article could be mailed to him.

There are no characterizations available for the following organizations mentioned in instant report: Core Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund, Incorporated; The Italian Cultural Association; Roman Committee to Promote Peace in Vietnam; "Liberation" magazine; New School for Social Research; and the Harlem Writers Guild.

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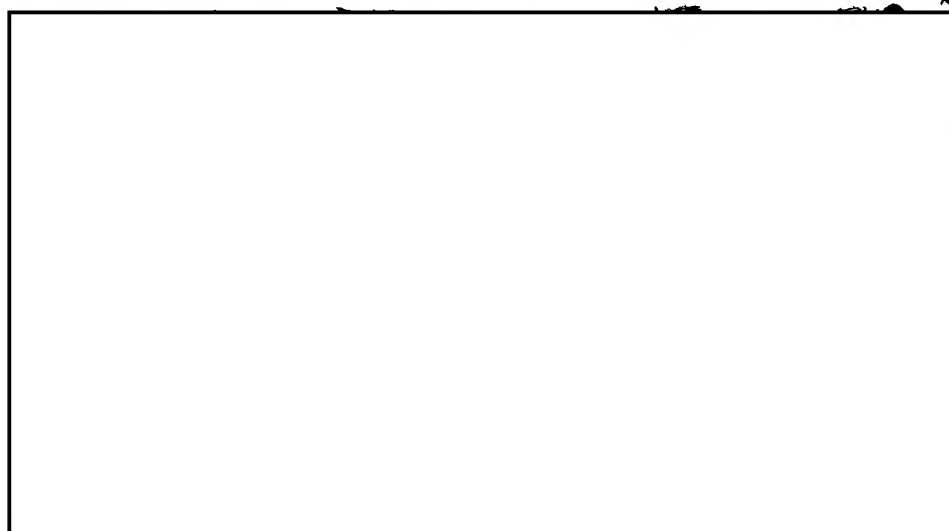
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2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☒ This report is classified Confidential because (state reason)

information from NY T-10, a confidential source abroad, was so classified. (S)(U)

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  
of his prominent position as a Negro author and playwright and his personal involvement in the civil rights struggle by Negroes in the United States. It is felt that an attempt to interview the subject, if publicized, could be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)  
of subject's outspoken stand on the civil rights issue, his current prominence as an author and the inflammatory nature of his writings, which show him to be a dangerous individual who could be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense interests and public safety of the United States in time of emergency.
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Re: James Arthur Baldwin ✓

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

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*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1)  
U. S. Secret Service, NYC

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Report of: EDWARD F. UZZELL  
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Title: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

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## Synopsis:

Subject, an author and playwright, resides in Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, New York City. As of July, 1965, subject was author of letter urging recipient to renew subscription to "Freedomways" magazine. On 4/22/65, subject attended and was a sponsor of a Freedomways Associates, Inc., "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", and had agreed as of early April, 1965, to serve as Chairman of the Cultural Committee in connection with this affair. As of early April, 1965, WILLIAM EPTON had arranged to personally meet with the subject for unknown purpose. On 11/23 & 27/65, subject made public appearances in Rome, Italy, at which he stated the United States has no right in Vietnam and that "Western interests" were responsible for events in South Africa and the Cuban "aggression". Other confidential informants were unable to furnish any additional information.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On March 29, 1966, it was determined by a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SA, FBI) that JAMES BALDWIN, Negro author and playwright, was then residing in Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, New York City. U

As of March 28, 1966, the subject, a Negro author and playwright, was residing in Apartment 6A, 470 West End Avenue, New York City. The subject returned to this address on approximately January 18, 1966, upon his return from Istanbul, Turkey, and a tour of European countries, which had started in late 1965. (X) (u)

NY T-1  
March 28, 1966 (u)

II. AFFILIATION WITH SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

U (X) As of July, 1965, Freedomways Associates, Incorporated was preparing a mailing of a letter on the personal stationery of and signed by JAMES BALDWIN, and addressed to "Dear Friend". In this letter the subject praises "Freedomways" magazine as a Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement, and he urges that the recipients subscribing to "Freedomways" to follow his example and renew their subscriptions. (X) (u)

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July 13, 1965 (u)

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, which includes a characterization of "Freedomways", appears in the Appendix.

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On April 22, 1965, the subject attended a "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", which was sponsored by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated and held at the Hotel Americana, 52nd Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City. (u)

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April 26, 1965

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April 29, 1965

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May 4, 1965

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The late city edition of "The New York Times", dated December 23, 1963, noted that PAUL ROBESON left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight year legal fight and a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport. (u)

According to the article, ROBESON once said he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifices for us, the people, the progressive people, people of the future in this world." (u)

The article notes that most of the questions directed to ROBESON on his arrival in New York City, on December 22, 1963, were answered by his wife who told reporters her husband still thinks communism is "terrific". (u)

"The New York Times" and Home News" issue of July 14, 1964, contained an article reporting the testimony of MANNING JOHNSON before the House Un-American Activities Committee. (u)

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The article stated that JOHNSON, an admitted former member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) National Committee, had told the committee that he had been a CP member up to 1940, and described ROBESON as a CP member for many years and had frequently met ROBESON in CP Headquarters going to or coming from meetings with top communist leaders. JOHNSON stated that ROBESON's Party membership was kept a secret from rank and file communists. *u*

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As of early April, 1965, a Cultural Committee had been formed by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, in connection with their "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", to be held April 22, 1965. [As of early April, 1965, the subject had agreed to serve as Chairman of this Cultural Committee.] *u*

NY T-2  
April 4, 1965 *u*

As of March, 1965, Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was distributing invitations to a "Salute to PAUL ROBESON", to be held on April 22, 1965, in the Hotel Americana, New York City. The last page of this invitation contained a listing captioned "Partial List of Sponsors". Among the names so listed as sponsors was JAMES BALDWIN. *u*

NY T-6  
March 31, 1965 *u*

### III. CONTACTS

In early April, 1965, MILTON ROSEN was in contact with WILLIAM EPTON regarding efforts on the part of EPTON to contact JAMES BALDWIN. The reason for EPTON's efforts to contact BALDWIN was not known to the source. EPTON indicated that he had arranged to personally meet with JAMES *u*

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BALDWIN in the office of the Committee to Defend Resistance to Ghetto Life (CERGE), One Union Square, New York City; date of this meeting not specified. ~~(S)~~ (u)

NY T-7  
April 1, 1965

A characterization of CERGE appears in the Appendix.

The Progressive Labor Party (PLP) National Convention, held April 15-18, 1965, elected MILTON ROSEN as President of the PLP. ~~(S)~~ (u)

NY T-8  
April 19, 1965

A characterization of the PLP appears in the Appendix.

On April 18, 1965, at the PLP National Convention, held in New York City, WILLIAM EPTON was elected Vice Chairman of the PLP National Committee. ~~(S)~~ (u)

NY T-9  
May 14, 1965

#### IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

On November 30, 1965, NY T-10, a confidential source abroad, made available the following information: ~~(S)~~ (u)

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The Italian Cultural Association sponsored a "Literary Tuesday" conference held on November 23, 1965, at the Teatro Eliseo in Rome, Italy. The principal speaker was JAMES BALDWIN, the Negro American writer who spoke on the topic, "The Responsibility of the American Negro Writer." Approximately 130 persons were in attendance. X (\$u

At the end of the conference, BALDWIN responded to questions from the audience. BALDWIN was asked for an opinion on the Vietnam situation and he responded, "We do not have the right to remain in Vietnam and I don't know why we are there. We do not have to liberate anyone." X (\$u

On November 27, 1965, JAMES BALDWIN participated in the all-night vigil sponsored by the Roman Committee to Promote Peace in Vietnam held at the Adriano Theater in Rome, Italy. X (\$u

The following article appeared in the November 29, 1965, edition of the "Rome Daily American", an English-language newspaper published in Rome, Italy: X (\$u

LEFTISTS STAGE ANTI-U. S. MARCH AND 'VIGIL' IN ROME X (\$u

A bombing attempt interrupted an all-night leftist vigil to protest U. S. action in Vietnam in a Rome theater early today at which American writer James Baldwin was the first speaker. X (\$u

An anonymous telephone caller told police of a bomb planted in the downtown theater where several thousand anti-U.S. demonstrators held the emotional and sometimes tearful rally. Police found two suspicious packages in the toilet and ordered demonstrators to clear the premises. X (\$u

One of the packages contained 150 grams (six ounces) of plastic explosive in a metal box with a time piece. The other package was stuffed with old newspaper. Police disconnected the time bomb and, after an hour and a half search in the theater, allowed the vigil to go on. They did not say if the explosive would have gone off or at what time. X (\$u

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One uniformed U. S. Marine and a handful of American civilians joined 10,000 to 15,000 Italians in the torchlight parade in Rome in the late evening. The parade through the heart of the city, from Piazza del Popolo to Piazza Cavour a few blocks from St. Peter's, snarled up what little traffic there was at that late hour. ~~(S)~~U

The all-night vigil was the climax of marches, widely billed in advance by the Communists in Rome, Milan, Naples, Turin, Florence, Bologna and Venice. The torchlight parades and the vigil were timed to coincide with the peace march on Washington. ~~(S)~~U

Baldwin stirred the crowd to emotional applause. "I am here," he told them, "to tell you something that only American Negroes know." ~~(S)~~U

Speaking in English, Baldwin claimed that "Western interests" were responsible for the events in South Africa and the Cuban "aggression". He said people should love one another and that although he was not a Christian, it would be enough for the world if more people acted like Christians. He said: "I want to remind you that a man is a man, a woman is a woman, a child is a child, no matter where, and that those are the fundamental things, the inalienable things, to help us understand each other better. Pray for me. I will pray for you. Goodbye." ~~(S)~~U

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

During November, 1965, the Core Scholarship, Education and Defense Fund, Incorporated, (SEDF), 150 Nassau Street, New York City, mailed leaflets. These leaflets reflected that the aims of Core SEDF (which is not affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality, CORE), are scholarships for the brave; education for Negro communities; legal defense when rights are denied; voter registration; and leadership training. U

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This leaflet listed JAMES BALDWIN as a member of the Board of Directors of the Core SEDF. ~~SECRET~~

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November 17, 1965

The "National Guardian", dated July 17, 1965, page 7, contains an article captioned, "A magazine for peace: The 'Seeds of Liberation'". U

This article states that "Liberation" magazine is one of the most important magazines in this country for those concerned with peace, civil rights and freedom. "Seeds of Liberation" is a compilation of 67 of the best articles that have appeared in "Liberation" during its nine-year history. Among the writers included in "Seeds of Liberation" was JAMES BALDWIN, who was the author of an article captioned, "The Artist's Struggle for Integrity." U

The "National Guardian" is characterized in the Appendix of this report.

In the masthead of the April, 1965, issue of "Liberation" magazine, JAMES BALDWIN is listed as one of the contributors to "Liberation". U

NY T-5  
April 15, 1965

On May 17, 1965, a Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) class was held at the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS). U

During this class, HERBERT APTHEKER gave his final lecture on "The Struggle for Negro Freedom in the United States". During this lecture, APTHEKER made references to JAMES BALDWIN and MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and stated that these two individuals were moving to the left in their viewpoints in connection with social and economic changes. U

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May 25, 1965



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A characterization of SCOPE and the NYSMS appears in the Appendix of this report.

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HERBERT APTHEKER, as of July, 1964, was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA. (u)

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July 21, 1964 (u)

The "Chicago Daily Defender", a Chicago daily newspaper, dated April 26, 1965, page 3, contained an article pertaining to a three day conference known as "Negro Writers Vision of America", sponsored by the Harlem Writers Guild and held at the New School for Social Research, 66 West 12th Street, New York City. (u)

According to this article, which was captioned, "Two Writers Rap White America", White people cannot face the lies of their own history, said author JAMES BALDWIN in a lecture at the New School for Social Research. Some 700 people jammed in to hear him. BALDWIN asserted that "White Anglo-Saxons" have falsified the history of the United States and are now at the mercy of their own myth-making. BALDWIN stated that the earliest English settlers had left Europe to escape poverty and to set up their own aristocracy. Many had come out of English jails, BALDWIN pointed out. "Who", BALDWIN asked, "knows anything about the Virginia aristocrats outside of Virginia?" (u)

In early April, 1965, TEDDY KUPFERMAN, an attorney representing JAMES BALDWIN, contacted ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN. KUPFERMAN mentioned that some of BALDWIN's books were being published in the Soviet Union without any remuneration to BALDWIN. NEEDLEMAN suggested that KUPFERMAN contact Mezhdunarodnaja Kniga, the organization which exports Russian books to the United States, and which publishes all the books in the Soviet Union. NEEDLEMAN (u)

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pointed out that in the then recent past the Soviet Union had signed ~~at~~ the International Copyrights Convention

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April 5, 1965 ]

u(x) [ In recent years, several confidential sources have advised that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, a practicing attorney in New York City, was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, registered Soviet trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity and continues to represent this agency from time to time. ]

u(x) [ NEEDLEMAN has appeared in behalf of former and current members of the CP before Congressional Committees and in the courts. He has distributed money and efforts to numerous communist front activities and has served as a custodian for CP funds. NEEDLEMAN has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist - Leninist doctrines and, at one time, participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist studies and research. ]

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Another Confidential source advised in March, 1958, that NEEDLEMAN has served as a Soviet espionage agent

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Other confidential informants, who are acquainted with certain phases of CP activity in the New York City area, reported during March, 1966, that they were unable to furnish any additional information. ~~(u)~~

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APPENDIX

Committee to Defend Resistance  
to Ghetto Life (CERGE)

A source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE was formed on November 1, 1964, as a front of the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), presently known as Progressive Labor Party (PLP). All personnel which comprise the committee are PLM members. CERGE was organized to raise funds for the PLM in order that the PLM will have money for bail when it becomes necessary. The people connected with CERGE hope to build it into a national organization. ~~(u)~~

A second source advised on March 5, 1965, that it is the plan of the PLM to recruit people into CERGE and use CERGE as a recruiting front for PLM members. The PLM plans to give instructions in Marxist philosophy and those who respond will be advanced from CERGE to PLM membership. ~~(u)~~

A third source advised on February 3, 1965, that CERGE receives mail through Abbott Business Service, a legitimate business operation, 147 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. ~~(u)~~

The first source advised on May 5, 1965, that CERGE maintains its office at Room 617, One Union Square, New York, New York. ~~(u)~~

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Winter, 1965 issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., 799 Broadway, New York City. This issue lists JOHN HENRIK CLARKE as Associate Editor, ESTHER JACKSON as Managing Editor, and JOHN L. DEVINE as Art Editor of the publication.

A confidential source made available information on July 1, 1964, reflecting that JOHN HENRIK CLARKE attended the first and founding meeting of the American Institute for Marxist Studies (AIMS) which was held on December 19, 1963, and continued on January 10, 1964.

This source also made available information on August 14, 1964, reflecting that CLARKE is an "associate" of AIMS.

The Winter, 1963 issue of "Freedomways", Page 44, states that ESTHER JACKSON became one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Congress (SNYC) which existed from 1937 to 1949.

The SNYC has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

According to a confidential source, [redacted] of JAMES JACKSON, whom the source identified on October 14, 1964, as being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA) [redacted]

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On January 30, 1961, SYLVIA M. BRENNER DEVINE, 415 South 50th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that [redacted] mentioned on December 17, 1960, that he was still in the CP and that the CP is his whole life. [redacted]

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

On July 24, 1963, a confidential source described [redacted] as a CP member. [redacted]

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On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, CP, USA, held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro Movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation. [redacted]

On May 25, 1961, a source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CP, USA, by JAMES JACKSON [redacted]

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1.

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly \* \* \*. Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

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1.

NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, INCORPORATED

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In September, 1960, a source advised it was announced at a meeting of the Communist Party, United States of America, (CP,USA), New York District (NYD), Staff, held September 16, 1960, that the People's School for Marxist Studies was founded in September, 1960, as the result of a decision of the CP,USA, NYD. Adult classes were scheduled to start October 17, 1960.

"The Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, October 16, 1960 issue, announced the opening of the New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) with general classes beginning October 17, 1960, and SCOPE (Youth) Classes beginning October 14, 1960. The address of the School is Room 1922, 853 Broadway at 14th Street, New York, New York.

The records of Pierce Mayer & Greer, 41 East 42nd Street, New York City, reflect that on August 29, 1960, HERBERT APTHEKER leased Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, for the period starting October 1, 1960. The premises were to be occupied by a "People's School." On July 3, 1962, HERBERT APTHEKER signed a new lease for Room 1922-23, 853 Broadway, New York City, to start October 1, 1962, which reflects that the premises were to be used as an office for the NYSMS.

On May 5, 1965, the records of the New York County Clerk's Office, New York County Court House, New York City, disclosed that Certificate of Incorporation, number 450745, of the NYSMS was filed with the Secretary of State, State of New York, on August 17, 1964, and the incorporator was [REDACTED]

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The Spring (April 7, 1965 - May 14, 1965) Term, 1965, Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE stated that "The era we live in is marked by profound changes, which are accompanied by intellectual ferment and moral dissatisfaction in our nation. Marxism, we think, offers a valid framework for answering the problems that confront our nation and the world ...."

The Spring Term, 1965, Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE reflects that the office of the NYSMS is located at 853 Broadway, Room 1922, New York, New York.

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APPENDIX

2.

NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR MARXIST STUDIES, INCORPORATED

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A second source advised on December 14, 1959, that at the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA, held December 10 - 13, 1959, HERBERT APTHEKER was elected a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

The second source advised in early 1961 that it was not known at the headquarters of the CP, USA, whether [redacted] was still a member of the CP. Consequently, he was described as an "unorganized Communist."

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A characterization of SCOPE is included in the Appendix.

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1.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)  
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

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A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. (u)

"The New York Times", City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MORT SCHEER of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the Marxist-Leninist Quarterly, a theoretical magazine; 'Progressive Labor' a monthly magazine; 'Challenge', a New York City newspaper; and 'Spark', a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of 'Challenge', page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life- where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared. (u)

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1.

STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE  
EDUCATION (SCOPE)

A confidential source advised on June 16, 1958, that the Student Committee on Progressive Education (SCOPE) was formed in early 1958 by a group of individuals who were believed to be, by the source, sympathizers of the former Labor Youth League (LYL) (XLU)

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second confidential source advised on November 20, 1958, that at the third day's session of the National Executive Committee (NEC), Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held that day in New York City, ROBERT THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, CP, USA, stated that in New York there is a group of about twenty-one youths who have been a very active force in youth and formed a group called SCOPE, a Student Committee On Progressive Education, which has run for the last year with young people with a Marxist character. THOMPSON stated that approximately eight or ten of this group are CP members. (XLU)

A third confidential source advised on March 24, 1959, that during a meeting of the NEC, CP, USA, held on March 21, 1959, HYMAN LUMER, CP, USA Educational Director, stated that in New York most of the discussions on youth are between the National Office (CP) and two groups of young people who function in New York, which are either Party groups or pro-Party groups. The first group is called SCOPE (Student Committee on Progressive Education), and this group stands closest to the CP leadership. (XLU)

A fourth confidential source made available on March 23, 1961, a mimeographed letter signed by "The SCOPE Committee." This letter sets forth that last fall SCOPE became a part of the newly formed New York School for Marxist Studies (NYSMS) as its autonomous youth division. (XLU)

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2.

STUDENT COMMITTEE ON PROGRESSIVE  
EDUCATION (SCOPE)

The Spring (April 7, 1965 - May 14, 1965) Term 1965 Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE states that "SCOPE believes that knowledge can be achieved and intellectual conformity and apathy avoided only through continual study and discussion. All students, teen-agers, college students and working youths are encouraged to participate actively, as the goal of SCOPE is to provide a unique opportunity for the study and discussion of Marxism."

The Spring Term, 1965 Bulletin of the NYSMS and SCOPE reflects that the office of SCOPE is located at 853 Broadway, Room 1922, New York, New York.

A characterization of the NYSMS is included in the appendix.

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New York, New York

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James Arthur Baldwin ✓

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Reference is made to New York report  
of Special Agent Edward F. Uzzell, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the name check requests  
from Mrs. Stegall relative to the White House affair on May 26,  
1966.

The central files of the FBI contain no derogatory  
information identifiable with the following individuals:

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Professor Ruth Schachter Morgenthau

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NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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The files of the Identification Division of the FBI were checked and no arrest data was located concerning the above individuals based upon the background information submitted in connection with these name check requests.

Attached are separate memoranda on the following individuals:

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Sincerely yours,

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JAMES BALDWIN - SUMMARY

Captioned individual, prominent author and playwright, has been the subject of a security-type investigation conducted by the FBI which has revealed his association with individuals and organizations of a procommunist nature.

In July, 1965, he was the author of a form letter urging the recipients to renew their subscriptions to "Freedomways" magazine which is reportedly staffed by Communist Party (CP) members or sympathizers including [redacted] of James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA. (X)u

In November, 1965, Baldwin made public appearances in Rome, Italy, at which he stated the United States has no right in Vietnam and that "Western interests" were responsible for events in South Africa and the Cuban "aggression." (X)u

In December, 1963, Baldwin spoke before a dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC), an organization cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

An advertisement entitled "What is Really Happening in Cuba" appeared in "The New York Times" of April 6, 1960. This advertisement, placed by The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, was sympathetic to the Castro regime and indicated that the American press had attempted to blacken Castro and his government by reporting untruthful information. The advertisement indicated The Fair Play for Cuba Committee, headquarters in New York, had been formed to furnish the true facts concerning the Cuban revolutionary government. James Baldwin appeared in the advertisement as one of the sponsors of The Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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JAMES BALDWIN

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The Washington, D. C., Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality held a mass rally for the "Original Freedom Riders" in Washington on June 11, 1961. Among the speakers at this rally was James Baldwin. During his talk, Baldwin stated, in substance, that the West should re-evaluate its international policies in view of the potential strength of the new Afro-Asian countries. He stated that the white race had better realize the emerging strength of the Negro and that he would not care to be in the shoes of the white man when the African nations become stronger.

The "New York Herald Tribune" of June 17, 1961, in its "Letters to the Editor" section, carried a letter by James Baldwin and William Styron which advocated abolishment of capital punishment. This letter stated in part that "If there were a shred of proof that the death penalty actually served to inhibit crime, that would be sufficient reason--even from the point of view of 'misguided do-gooders,' as J. Edgar Hoover calls its opponents--to maintain it." It goes on to state that Mr. Hoover "is not a lawgiver, nor is there any reason to suppose him to be a particularly profound student of human nature. He is a law enforcement officer. It is appalling that in this capacity he not only opposes the trend of history among civilized nations, but uses his enormous power and prestige to corroborate the blindest and basest instincts of the retaliatory mob."

On June 2, 1961, the Liberation Committee for Africa (LCA) held a "first anniversary" celebration at the Martinique Hotel, New York City. James Baldwin, author, was listed as one of the principal speakers. During his address, Baldwin stated that he had spent the past nine years in Paris and advised that a period of revolution confronted the world and that America has taken a position throughout the world against revolutions. Baldwin asserted that only in revolution could the problems of the United States be solved.

It is understood that certain local chapters of the Socialist Workers Party have given support to the Liberation Committee for Africa. The March 24, 1961, issue of "Young Socialist Alliance Newsletter," which recognizes the Socialist

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Workers Party as the only existing political party capable of providing the working class with political leadership, has given strong support to the LCA. The LCA claims to provide a public forum for African freedom fighters and to re-establish awareness of the common cultural heritage of Afro-Americans with their African brothers.

The name of James Baldwin appears as a sponsor on a news release communication in August, 1961, from the Carl Braden clemency appeal committee which was being distributed by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). The SCEF is the successor organization to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare described by the HCUA as a communist front organization. It is noted that on May 1, 1961, Carl Braden and Frank Wilkinson went to prison to begin a one-year sentence for contempt of the HCUA. The SCEF was endeavoring to obtain signatures in connection with a petition to President Kennedy for executive clemency for Braden and Wilkinson.

The April 17, 1961, issue of the "National Guardian" which the HCUA cites as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia contained an advertisement announcing a rally to abolish the HCUA on Friday, April 21, 1961, in New York City. James Baldwin, writer, was listed as a sponsor supporting the rally.

The April 20, 1962, issue of "New America," an official publication of "Socialist Party--Social Democratic Federation," contains a clemency petition for convicted communist Junius Scales who was serving a six-year sentence in Lewisburg Penitentiary under the membership clause of the Smith Act. The petition was sent to President Kennedy on April 3, 1962, and allegedly contained the signatures of "550 prominent citizens" among whom was James Baldwin.

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**JAMES BALDWIN**

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Scales, who had a long history of membership and leadership in the CPUSA, was convicted in February, 1958, for violating the Smith Act. He was sentenced to six years in the Federal penitentiary, and after exhausting all appeals, he began serving his sentence on October 2, 1961.

On Christmas Eve, 1962, President Kennedy commuted Scales' sentence which he was serving in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. During his trial and in connection with appeal motions subsequent to it, Scales endeavored to characterize himself as an ex-communist who had chosen to go to jail rather than name his former associates in the CP.

The cover of the May 17, 1963, issue of "Time" magazine is devoted to author James Baldwin. The cover story describes some of Baldwin's recent efforts in behalf of the American Negro's integration movements. He is described as "a nervous, slight, almost fragile figure, filled with frets and fears. He is effeminate in manner, drinks considerably, smokes cigarettes in chains and he often looses his audience with overblown arguments."

The May, 1963, issue of "Mademoiselle" contains an interview-type article with James Baldwin which was part of a series then currently being carried by the magazine under the caption "Disturber of the Peace."

As indicated by the title of the series, "Disturber of the Peace," James Baldwin gives a lot of gibes to both white and Negroes about the Negro situation in the United States. Baldwin answers many of the questions by introspection. In giving an answer to a question about his father and how he hated him and whether or not his father hated Baldwin in return, he stated "In a way, yes. He didn't like me. But he'd had a terrible time, too. And of course, I was not his son. I was a bastard. What he wanted for his children was what in fact I became... I changed all the diapers and I knew where the kids were, and I could take some of the pressures off my mother and in a way stand between him and her...."

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On the subject of homosexuality, Baldwin stated "American males are the only people I've ever encountered in the world who are willing to go on the needle before they'll go to bed with each other. Because they're afraid of this, they don't know how to go to bed with women either. I've known people who literally died out of this panic. I don't know what homosexual means any more, and Americans don't either... If you fall in love with a boy, you fall in love with a boy. The fact that Americans consider it a disease says more about them than it says about homosexuality." (157-6-34-78)

In connection with a discussion of why he feels Attorney General Robert Kennedy, the Justice Department and President Kennedy are ineffective in dealing with discrimination with the Negroes in the South, Baldwin makes the statement that he is weary of being told that desegregation is legal. He then states "...because first of all you have to get Eastland out of Congress and get rid of the power that he wields there. You've got to get rid of J. Edgar Hoover and the power that he wields. If one could get rid of just those two men, or modify their power, there would be a great deal more hope...."

The fingerprint files of the FBI Identification Division contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon the background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108753)

DATE: 10/17/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553)

SUBJECT:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Rerep of SA EDWARD F. UZZELL, NY, 4/13/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a travel memorandum regarding the subject.

The source employed is [redacted]  
470 West End Avenue, New York City.

The source used to characterize the subject is [redacted]

The source used to characterize the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants is [redacted] (reliable).

This document is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect sources employed herein, unauthorized disclosure of which will be detrimental to the defense of the US.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. 1. Will review the files of the US Passport Office for any information regarding subject's travel.

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date 12-15-67

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- 2 - Washington Field (RM)
- 1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
October 17, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: James Arthur Baldwin  
Security Matter - C

On October 11, 1966, a source in a position to supply reliable information, advised that James Arthur Baldwin had moved from Apartment 6, 470 West End Avenue, to 137 West 71st Street, New York City. This source also advised that James Baldwin recently left for and is traveling in Turkey, and is in the process of writing a book in that country.

On February 18, 1964, a source advised that it was stated at a meeting of the Chicago Branch of the Social Workers Party held on February 16, 1964, that James Baldwin was a sponsor of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants as of February, 1964.

A characterization of the Committee to Aid the Monroe Defendants is attached hereto in the Appendix.

The following is a description of James Arthur Baldwin:

Name:	James Arthur Baldwin
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	August 2, 1924
Place of Birth:	New York, New York

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Re: James Arthur Baldwin

Age:	42
Height:	5'6"
Weight:	130 pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Dark
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Writer, journalist
Residence:	137 West 71st Street, New York City
Mother:	Dorris Baldwin

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
October 11, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile 62-108763  
NYfile 100-146553

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

REFERENCE: New York report dated 4/13/66.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York  
(presently in TURKEY)

Employment: Self-employed Writer

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## Memorandum

Director, FBI (Bufile- 62- 108763)

DATE: 10/11/66

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

## UNAVAILABLE SECTION

Re:

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born <input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized <input type="checkbox"/> Alien				
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist <input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) <u>OUT OF THE COUNTRY</u>				
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)				
Self-employed Writer, from residence				
Key Facility Data				
Geographical Reference Number			Responsibility	
Interested Agencies				
Residence Address				
Permanent: 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York Temporary: (Presently in TURKEY)				

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (62-108763)

DATE: November 25, 1966

FROM : Legat, Rome (100-1417) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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ReBulet to the [redacted]

dated 11/2/66, enclosing New York LHM dated 10/17/66.

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The Bureau may be desirous of translating the enclosed clipping and making a copy of the translation available to the New York office and Legat, Rome.

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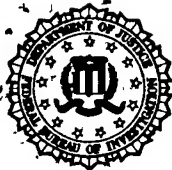
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November 25, 1966

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

On November 10, 1966, a confidential source  
abroad made available the following information:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN, born August 2, 1924, at  
New York, New York, and in possession of U. S. passport  
No. 440042, issued on August 2, 1965, at the U. S.  
Consulate, Berlin, Germany, arrived in Istanbul, Turkey,  
by ship on March 29, 1966. BALDWIN departed from Turkey  
on October 13, 1966, from the Istanbul airport on Air  
France flight No. 615, for an undisclosed destination. (X)u

During his stay in Turkey, BALDWIN resided  
with [redacted] [redacted]  
and was not known to be involved in any suspect activity. (X)u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

DATE: 12/23/66

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-43011) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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(OO:NY)

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ReNYlet to the Bureau, 10/17/66, requesting WFO to review passport records.

By letter dated 2/19/64, WFO reported a review of subject's passport record on 2/7/64. The records of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., were reviewed by IC [REDACTED] on 11/14/66, for any additional pertinent information.

According to the above files, BALDWIN was issued passport number Z-448042 on 8/2/65 at Berlin, Germany, indicating on the application that he intended to return to the United States to reside permanently within two years. This passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba, and those portions of China, Korea, and Vietnam under communist control.

The following background information was obtained from the application dated 8/2/65 at Berlin, Germany:

Name:	JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN
Date of Birth:	August 2, 1924, New York, New York
Height:	Five feet six inches
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and marks:	None

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WFO 100-43011

Occupation:

Parents:

Writer

*Mr. & Mrs.*

DAVID ~~BALDWIN~~, born about 1878, New Orleans, Louisiana, and BERDIS EMMA ~~JONES~~, born December 25, 1902, Deals Island, Maryland, Never married ~~BALDWIN~~

Marital Status:

Permanent residence:

Mailing address:

Person to notify in an emergency:

137 West H Street, New York, New York  
470 West End Avenue, New York, New York

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The subject's file at the Security Office, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., was made available for review on 12/4/66, and was reviewed by SA JOHN R. PALMER that same date. This file contains copies of New York (FBI) reports dated 12/11/63, 3/26/64, 4/6/65, and 4/13/66. No other pertinent information was noted therein.

XXX Legat, Rome (100-1417)

December 20, 1966

Director, FBI (62-108763) —

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 5/13/89 BY SP8 BTJ/agm/ff  
TJHAttached is the translation which you requested by letter  
dated 11/25/66.The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported  
under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative  
attention is necessary.Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in  
this connection is set forth below:

Returned herewith.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.: Mr. Bland), sent direct with enclosure.
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit without enclosure, sent direct.

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[TRANSLATION FROM TURKISH] (X)U

Looking at New York from Istanbul

James Baldwin Finishes His Book In Hisar (X)U

In The Vefik Pasha Library the Negro Writer  
Pursues His People's Cause

In an old wooden building - circa 1800 - in an  
alley in Rumeli Hisar we found the noted American negro writer  
bent on his typewriter absorbed in his work so that he did not  
notice our entry. (X)U

The house, right in the middle of a large green  
garden, belongs to [redacted] From it one can see the  
entire strait of the Bosphorus which is why the writer had  
rented it. (X)U

The story of James Baldwin's decision to settle in  
Istanbul is quite old. Baldwin had met [redacted] in New  
York and a friendship had developed. Sometime later Baldwin  
had come to Turkey to visit his friend. After that the  
visit was repeated every year. After five such visits Baldwin  
had settled in Istanbul in March of 1966. (X)U

Interrupting his work for a few minutes Baldwin told  
us of his intention of writing about his life in New York.  
"Such a book cannot be written in the noise and tumult of New  
York", the writer said, adding that big city life bothers  
him. At the same time, without truly knowing a place, merely  
looking in from outside cannot work either. (X)U

The writer likes Istanbul for the following reasons.  
First of all he can be alone and relax much better. (Of course  
friends who love to visit him will make it difficult). (X)U

"If you decide to settle in Turkey permanently,  
would you chose Istanbul?", to this his answer was: (X)U

"Under the circumstances it cannot be a matter of  
preference. In the white-black conflicts in my country I  
must contribute my share by returning to America. To settle  
here permanently would be running away which I cannot do." (X)U

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To help solve the white and black question in his country the writer gives interviews, holds conferences, writes articles and makes speeches. Before coming to Turkey Baldwin had been energetically active. He believes in hard work. "My professional and social life is very complex and jumbled up", said the noted writer. (X) u

What draws Baldwin to Istanbul and to Turkey is the people. He admires the warmth and liveliness of the Turkish people. (X) u

After finishing his book the author will return to America. (X) u

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1 - Mr. Downing  
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December 6, 1966

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Enclosed is certain foreign language material:

[Article from "YENI GAZETE," Turkish newspaper,  
as described in a letter from Legat, Rome, dated 11/25/66,  
copy of which is attached.] *10/11*

This material should be processed as indicated below:

**Full translation.**

Following disposition should be made of enclosure and translation:

**Both to the Bureau, attention FBI Annex. Please  
prepare one bond, three thins, and one yellow.**

If the results of your review are not furnished the Seat of Government, in accordance with instructions set forth above, then the office initiating the request, to which translation is made available by you, has the responsibility of appropriately notifying the Bureau of any pertinent information contained therein.

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# Memorandum

TO: *JAM* DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763) ✓  
FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) *(ex) (P)*  
SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN ✓  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

DATE: 1/18/67

*1/25/67*  
*0.7 to NY*  
*CHAM R. 11:55*  
*made lib P. Tpm*

*[Signature]* ReBuFD-4, dated 12/6/66, with attached LHM, dated 11/25/66.

The confidential source employed in the enclosed LHM is

Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and eight copies of LHM, and for Legat, Paris, one copy of same.

The pretext interview referred to was a telephone call made by SA  under the guise of a member of a peace organization soliciting a statement from JAMES BALDWIN.

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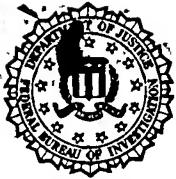
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 18, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 62-108763 ✓  
NYfile 100-146553

James Arthur Baldwin

A confidential source advised on December 23, 1966, that Flight 615, Air France from Istanbul, Turkey, terminates at Paris, France. The source checked passenger manifests of all logical connecting flights from Paris, France, to New York, New York, for the period from October 18, 1966, to October 20, 1966, and advised that James Baldwin did not travel to New York, on any of these flights.

On December 20, 1966, a pretext interview with Robert Lantz, 111 West 51st Street, New York City, was conducted in an attempt to locate James Arthur Baldwin. Mr. Lantz who is Mr. Baldwin's agent advised that Mr. Baldwin had not returned to the United States. Mr. Lantz would not divulge his address.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 62-108763  
NYfile 100-146553

Title James Authur Baldwin

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the communication of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above,  
at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)  
ATTENTION: FBI ANNEX

DATE: 12/15/66

SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C

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TRANSLATION MATTERS  
NYO

ReBulet 12/6/66, forwarding an article from "YENI  
GAZETE", Turkish newspaper, as described in a letter from  
Legat, Rome, dated 11/25/66.

The New York Office is herewith returning to the  
Bureau, attention FBI Annex, the above-mentioned material,  
together with the specified copies of the translation.

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3-Bureau (RM)

1-FBI Annex (Enc. 7)

1-New York (TRANSLATION MATTERS) (66-1372)

1-New York

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

DATE: 3/31/67

SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) (C)

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SUBJECT:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - C

*alt*  
*SS*  
Rerep of SA EDWARD F. UZZELL, dated 4/13/66,  
at New York.

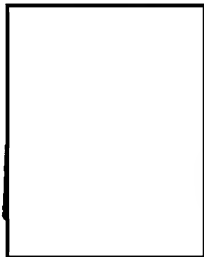
Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM.

The pretext employed by SA [ ] was  
that of a publisher's representative.

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This letter is being submitted in lieu of a report  
in view of the fact that the subject has not been in the  
United States since the last report was submitted and his  
file fails to reflect any subversive activity since that time.

The following informants of the NYO were unable to  
provide any additional information regarding the subject  
during February and March, 1967:



*Best emp  
contained in  
attached LHM  
TJM*

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5/13/89~~

In view of the fact that all logical stops have been  
placed that will be productive of information regarding the  
subject's return to the US, New York is considering this case  
closed.

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1-New York

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NY 100-146553

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_.

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_ he is not in the United States.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.

9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) \_\_\_\_\_.

of subject's outspoken stand on the civil rights issue, his current prominence as an author and the inflammatory nature of his writings, which show him to be a dangerous individual who would be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense interests of the US in the time of a national emergency.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons) \_\_\_\_\_.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 31, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York 100-146553

James Arthur Baldwin  
Security Matter - C

On March 29, 1967, [REDACTED]  
137 West 71st Street, New York, New York, was interviewed  
under a suitable pretext and advised that James Baldwin  
continues to maintain Apartment B in that building as his  
residence, but is still in Turkey working on a book.

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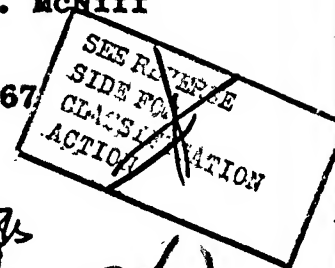


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1 - Mr. Floyd  
1 - Mr. McNiff

SAC, New York (100-146553)

4-11-67



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Director, FBI (62-108763) - 46

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JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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ON 4/27/99  
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Reurlet 3-31-67.

Your attention is called to the Manual of Instructions, Section 87D, page 74, wherein instructions are set forth as to when an annual report should be submitted. Inasmuch as a review of subject's file at the Bureau indicates that your office is in possession of pertinent information concerning subject's foreign travel and activities while abroad, you should promptly submit a current report suitable for dissemination containing available information pertaining to the subject.

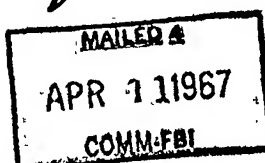
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NOTE:

Referenced letter was submitted in lieu of an annual report. Since submission of the last annual report in this case on 4-13-66 subject has departed for Turkey where he is currently residing, reportedly preparing a book for publication. Bufile also contains results of an interview with the subject regarding racial problems in the U.S., which interview appeared in a Turkish newspaper and information has been received from OSI regarding subject's eviction from an apartment in Turkey for homosexual activities. ~~See (RM)~~

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Date 6/20/67

To: BU (62-108763)  
NY (100-146553)

☒ Director

Att.: *Domestic Military Division*

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ SM-C

☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_ Re. Bureau form 0-7

☐ IC \_\_\_\_\_ dated 6/15/67

☐ CC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Stern \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge ☐ Open Case

☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Bring file ☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Call me ☐ Recharge serials

☐ Correct ☐ Return assignment card

☐ Deadline \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Return file

☐ Deadline passed ☐ Return serials

☐ Delinquent ☐ Search and return

☐ Discontinue ☐ See me

☐ Expedite ☐ Send Serials \_\_\_\_\_

☐ File \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ For information? ☐ Submit new charge out

☐ Initial & return ☐ Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Leads need attention ☐ Type

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken

Correction

Pg. 2 para. 1 add to last line

, and published therein

Amended page 3 enclosed, and NY copies corrected

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John F. Malone

(RM)  
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Office New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

MAY 2 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.~~SECRET~~

Title International War Crimes Tribunal  
Organized by Bertrand Russell  
Foundation, London, England

Character Internal Security - Vietnam  
Registration Act - Vietnam

Reference is made to the memorandum dated and  
captioned as above, at New York, New York,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

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DATE: 6/20/67

FROM : *WV* LEGAT, PARIS (100-2660)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - C

4/2/99  
CLASSIFIED BY *AUC 39677 SAH/82*  
DECLASSIFY ON: 25X (U)

*CH 5269*

Enclosed are 8 copies of LHM containing  
information received [redacted]

[redacted] (T-1), on 6/15/67, classified  
"Confidential" by the source [redacted] (X) U

[redacted] requested to be advised as to the  
identity of JAMES BALDWIN and they have been furnished  
with brief background information from the files of the  
Paris office.

This office has no previous pertinent information  
pertaining to ALEJO CARPENTIER other than that he arrived  
several months ago in Paris to take the post of Minister -  
Counselor of the Cuban Embassy in Paris. [redacted] (X) U

The files of this office contain no information  
which would identify the individual named [redacted] (X) U

This is furnished for the information of the  
Bureau and Legat, Bern.

- 5 - Bureau (Encl. 8) ENCLOSURE  
(1 - Liaison Section)  
(2 - New York)  
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ON *7/19/2000* *CA 98-5269-294-104*  
REASON: *6/2/2000* *CA 98-5269-294-104*  
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DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (ORC)  
DATE: *6/14/2000* *CA 98-5269-294-104*  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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June 20, 1967

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on June 15, 1967, that a reliable and delicate source has advised that the Counselor of the Cuban Embassy in Paris, France, Alejo Carpentier, has accepted an invitation from an individual named [redacted] (not further identified) to participate in an International Conference of Writers which is to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, September 5-15, 1967. *France*

According to T-1, the source advised that [redacted] informed Carpentier that one James Baldwin, an American, probably could not attend since he expects "trouble" in the United States where his presence will be necessary. *(X) u*

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DATE: 6/14/2000 *CA97-5269 (89-3016 Rm)*  
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To: Director, FBI (62-108763)

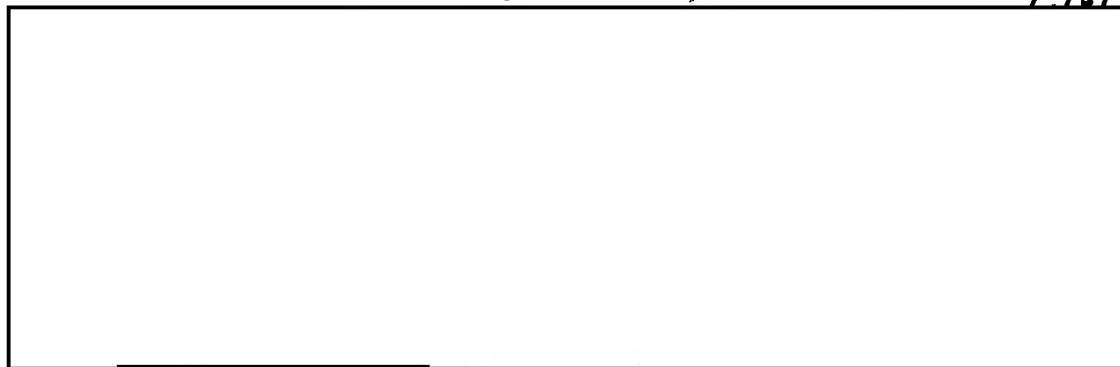
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Subject: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - C

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Reference: Romlet 11-25-66 and Romlet 1-11-67; also  
New York LHM 3-31-67

Information set forth in the enclosed memorandum was received  
7-24-67 from: OSU



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Remarks: Rome will continue to follow this matter with  
its source and will report any pertinent  
information developed to the Bureau.

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New York, 100-146553)  
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July 24, 1967

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DATE 10/15/00 BY 60324  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE~~  
JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

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A U. S. Government agency with investigative jurisdiction abroad advised on July 24, 1967, that it had received information from a source of unknown reliability that JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN had departed Istanbul, Turkey, in late June, 1967, and was reportedly in the United States working on a play. According to this source, BALDWIN is expected to return to Istanbul, Turkey, at the end of September, 1967, following a visit to the Soviet Union. ~~SECRET~~ 11/

Records of the [redacted] disclosed that BALDWIN departed Turkey on May 13, 1967, and that his current whereabouts were unknown. According to the [redacted] records, subject had resided in Istanbul at the following addresses: (X)U

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Taksim Ayaz Pasa - Saray Arkasi, Sok #32/3  
Ankara Kutuphanesi, Rumeli Hisar ] (X)U

[According to police records, he was issued residence permit #145798. (X)U

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Director, FBI (Bufile - 62-108763

DATE: 9/13/67

SAC, New York (100-146553)

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SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C  
(OO:NY)

REMOVE FROM UNAVAILABLE SECTION

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name				
Aliases				
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Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)				
Key Facility Data				
Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____				
Interested Agencies _____				
Residence Address				
Apartment B, 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York				

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1-New York  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

DATE: 9/13/67

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) (C)

SUBJECT:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C

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SEP 20 1967

date

by

T. J. M. FF



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
September 13, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 62-108763 ✓  
NY file 100-146553

James Arthur Baldwin ✓

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, Montreal, Canada, advised on September 6, 1967, that James Baldwin departed Montreal, Canada, on Flight 572, Air Canada, at 11:50 p.m., on the same date. This flight terminated in New York on September 7, 1967. b6 b7C

On September 12, 1967, [redacted] 137 West 71st Street, New York City, advised that James Baldwin had returned to his residence, Apartment B, in the same building.

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DATE 5-19-89 BY 2088 BOP/g

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TO : Director, FBI (62-108763)

DATE: September 22, 1967

FROM : Legat, Rome (100-1417) (P)

DECLASSIFIED BY ADU 396775AH/8  
ON 4/27/99  
CA97-5269

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - C

ReRomelet 7/24/67.

On September 15, 1967 the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that to date they have not verified the return of BALDWIN to Turkey.

They stated investigation is continuing in this matter and all information developed will be furnished to the Rome Office. They hoped to have a report within 15 days.

*OSI information  
is under review  
per memo dated 9-27-90  
6972 EEP/08  
4-3-90*

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From: Assistant Attorney General  
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Subject: INDEX REVIEW

Re: JAMES ARTHUR

BALDWIN

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SAC, New York (100-146553)

12/19/67

Director, FBI (62-106763)

1 - Mr. S. S. Czarnecki

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM - C

Enclosed herewith for New York is a Xerox copy of a newspaper article which was submitted by Legat, London, concerning subject.

In view of subject's presence in England, New York promptly submit letterhead memorandum concerning his travel.

Enclosed for the information of Legat, London, is New York letterhead memorandum dated October 17, 1966, concerning subject. For Legat, London's, additional information, Baldwin is an author of several books and has been active in the civil rights movement. He is on the Security Index of the New York Office.

Enclosure

1 - London (100-3409) (Enclosure)

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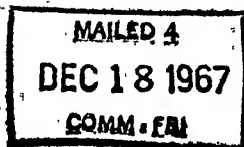
Subject is on the Security Index of the NYO, is a Negro active in civil rights and has authored several books.

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# The fire still burns in Mr. Baldwin



JAMES BALDWIN  
"It would be a disaster"

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)  
THE EVENING NEWS  
LONDON, ENG.  
PAGE 4

In a quietly English, antique-filled town house where the back windows overlook a walled garden decorated by a Lake-land trompe l'oeil, James Baldwin is writing about Malcolm X.

The contrast between the Chelsea surroundings and the Black Muslim leader's life could hardly be more extreme. Mr. Baldwin seems not to notice it. He retires into himself and locks the door when he wants to write, ignoring outside stimuli.

He knew Malcolm X (who was assassinated in New York two years ago) well. "I was very fond of him and I think he was very fond of me."

"We always disagreed about dogma—the blue-eyed devils theory—but Malcolm had repudiated that himself before he died. It's a tremendous life—a man born in unimaginable conditions who managed to educate himself in prison."

## The courage

"He had the courage to go even farther than that and repudiate everything he had learned and start all over again."

The outcome of his stay in London will be a play about the Black Muslim which Ella Kazan is to direct on Broadway next year.

Mr. Baldwin author of "Go

Tell It On The Mountain" and "The Fire Next Time," is a disarming man for so vehement a civil rights fighter. But at 43 the fire still burns fiercely just below the surface.

He still hopes we can avoid the United States tragedy in coming to terms with racial questions.

"One of the things I have observed around the world—and it's a bitter observation—is that many people wish to become more like the Americans. From my point of view that would be an unmitigated disaster."

"I can see why, it looks very attractive from afar. But I know what's in the package."

Date: 12-1-67  
Edition:  
Author:  
Editor:  
Title: JAMES BALDWIN  
Character: SM-MISC.  
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Submitting Office: LONDON  
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-108763) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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ReBulet to NY, 12/19/67.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM re captioned matter.

The pretext referred to in the LHM was conducted by SA [redacted] on 12/27/67, posing as a foreign auto sales representative.

NYO has appropriate stops placed with INS, JFK Airport, NY re subject's return to US.

Extra copies of LHM being furnished Bureau for dissemination to Legat, London.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 28, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Bufile 62-108763  
NY file 100-146553

MRS James Arthur Baldwin

On December 27, 1967, by use of a suitable pretext,  
it was ascertained from [redacted]

[redacted] James Arthur Baldwin, Apartment B, 137 West 71st  
Street, New York, New York, that her husband is currently resid-  
ing in London, England, the Chelsea section.

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Mrs. Baldwin advised that she and her husband maintain  
a permanent residence of Apartment B, 137 West 71st Street, New  
York, New York; however, her husband is now in London while he  
completes work on his current book about Malcolm X, deceased  
leader of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU).

A characterization of the OAAU is attached hereto.

Mrs. Baldwin further advised that her husband departed  
for London a few days ago and she expects his return to New York  
City during the month of January, 1968, exact date unknown.

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## APPENDIX

1.

### ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights", while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes in education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

On April 13, 1965, a confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth, the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY, INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On February 28, 1966, a second confidential source advised that the president and head of the OAAU is ELLA COLLINS, a half-sister of the late MALCOLM X, who resides in Harlem, New York.

On May 8, 1967, the first confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU is located at 224 West 139th Street, New York, New York, which is the residence of ELLA COLLINS.

Characterizations of MMI and NOI are set out separately.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
December 28, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. BUfile (62-108763)  
NYfile (100-146553)

SUBJECT:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN

REFERENCE:

Memorandum dated 9/13/67.

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

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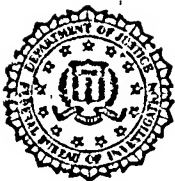
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

February 12, 1968

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NYfile 100-146553

James Arthur Baldwin

Reference is made to the previous memorandum on this matter dated December 28, 1967.

On January 10, 1968, a search of the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics (Marriage Records) for the Borough of Manhattan, by Special Agent Frank J. Meyers, failed to reveal any record of marriage for James Arthur Baldwin [redacted] for the period of August 18, 1967 to January 9, 1968.

On February 1, 1968, [redacted] 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York, advised that James Arthur Baldwin still resides in London, England. Mrs. Maher further stated that [redacted] apartment B, 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York, is [redacted] James Arthur Baldwin.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: 12/28/67

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☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
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(OO:NY)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re NY airtel to Bureau, 2/12/68.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of an LHM re captioned matter. Extra copies are being furnished for dissemination to Legat, London, inasmuch as subject temporarily resides in that locale.

The source referred to in the LHM is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Los Angeles Office.

The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" as it contains information furnished by a live source of continuing value.

The NYO will submit a subsequent LHM re subject's recent activities; that is, MALCOLM X Memorial, 2/21/68, "Freedomways" dinner on 2/23/68, and scheduled appearance at performance for legal defense fund for Artistic Freedom, Town Hall, NYC, on 3/12/68.

The pretext referred to in the LHM was conducted by SA \_\_\_\_\_ on 2/8/68, using pretext of a reporter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
March 11, 1968

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File No. NYfile 100-146553  
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James Arthur Baldwin  
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On February 20, 1968, a confidential source advised that James Baldwin, author, was leaving Los Angeles, California, on February 20, 1968, with Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X, deceased leader of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU). Source stated that Baldwin and Shabazz were to speak at Malcolm X rally in New York City on February 21, 1968.

A characterization of the OAAU is attached.

Information received on February 20, 1968, from the Flight Reservation Desk, American Airlines, Los Angeles International Airport, revealed that Mrs. B. Shabazz and James Baldwin booked first class passage on American Airlines flight 10, leaving Los Angeles at 11:00 p.m., February 20, 1968, and arriving John F. Kennedy Airport, Queens, New York, at 6:42 a.m., February 21, 1968.

On March 8, 1968, by means of a suitable pretext conducted by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), [redacted] Street, New York, New York, advised that James Baldwin is currently residing in Apartment 1B at 137 West 71st Street, New York, New York.

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1.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI), who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principles". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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James Arthur Baldwin

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2.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

This same confidential source advised on September 8, 1965, that the activities of the MMI following the death of MALCOLM X were limited to the teaching of classes in the Islamic religion and a class in judo for self-protection. These classes were held regularly until the latter part of July, 1965, when they were discontinued. Since then, the MMI has held no meetings and there has been absolutely no activity by the MMI which appears to be completely "dead".

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James Arthur Baldwin

APPENDIX

1.

NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On April 29, 1966, a second source advised that, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by ALLAH, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings, and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised that MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government.

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NATION OF ISLAM (CONT'D)

however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised that MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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# Memorandum

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-108763)

DATE: FEB 19 1968

SAC, NEW YORK (100-146553) (C)

SUBJECT:

JAMES ARTHUR BALDWIN  
SM-C  
(OO:NEW YORK)

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NY will remain alert for any information from INS indicating subject's return to the US.

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ReLAtel to NY, 2/20/68; NYairtel to Bu, 3/11/68.

ReLAtel set forth information that subject and BETTY SHABAZZ, widow of MALCOLM X, deceased leader of the OAAU, departed Los Angeles International Airport on 2/20/68, in order to attend a MALCOLM X Memorial in NYC, on 2/21/68.

Subject is on the Security Index of the NYO and 3/8/68, SA [ ] by means of a pretext, verified that BALDWIN currently using his apartment at 137 W. 71st St., NYC.

BALDWIN is a noted Negro author who was previously residing in London, England, writing a script on the life of MALCOLM X.

Subject did appear at MALCOLM X memorials in NYC, on 2/21/68, as well as at a Freedomways dinner in NYC on 2/23/68. He was also scheduled to appear at a benefit performance for the legal defense fund for Artistic Freedom at the Town Hall, NYC, on 3/12/68.

On 3/13/68, [ ] reliable, advised that BALDWIN did not appear at the performance at the Town Hall on 3/12/68, reason unknown.

Recent newspaper articles in several NYC publications have indicated that BALDWIN has been signed by Columbia Pictures to write the screenplay for the motion picture entitled "The

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Autobiography of MALCOLM X". The picture is reportedly being produced by MARVIN WORTH with additional story rights being granted to BETTY SHABAZZ and ALEX HALEY, author of the autobiography.

NY The 2/28/68 edition of "Variety", a weekly publication of the entertainment industry in NYC, contained an article captioned "Baldwin's 'MALCOLM X' Screenplay", which in part revealed that the subject has returned to the West Coast for three - four weeks in order to polish his MALCOLM X script. The article also reflected that ROBERT LANTZ, BALDWIN's agent, had also been in California concerning the details of the picture. BALDWIN, according to the article, was staying in Palm Springs while working on the screenplay.

LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. Will, through established sources, attempt to discreetly verify subject's association with MARVIN WORTH and Columbia Pictures, obtaining all known details on BALDWIN's temporary residence and itinerary plans.

AT PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA. Will attempt to ascertain if subject is temporarily residing in that area.